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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### ***Rhode Island State Police to Release Cranston Police Assessment***

#### **For Immediate Release**

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Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, announces that today the Rhode Island State Police, pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (APRA), is releasing the *Assessment of the Cranston Rhode Island Police Department 2014 - 2015* report. The Rhode Island State Police have received numerous Access to Public Records Act requests for this document.

On Thursday, July 23, 2015, Mayor Allan W. Fung received correspondence summarizing the assessment. On Friday, July 24, 2015, at 5:30 PM, Colonel Steven G. O'Donnell, Lieutenant Colonel Kevin M. Barry, Captain Matthew C. Moynihan and Chief Legal Counsel Paul L. Andrews met with Mayor Allan Fung and City Solicitor Evan Kirshenbaum and turned over the assessment to them.

Under APRA, a balancing test is used to weigh the public's right to know versus the privacy interests of the individuals involved. This report sheds light on how a governmental body operates and the performance of their statutory duties. Many of the individuals and/or entities mentioned have waived their right to privacy. Since the July 23<sup>rd</sup> letter to Mayor Fung from Colonel O'Donnell made it to the public domain, the Rhode Island State Police has not received any communications from those mentioned in the letter invoking any privacy issues. To date and to our knowledge, no one has approached the courts for any legal action regarding this document.

This document was prepared by the Rhode Island State Police, is maintained in our Records Management System and is a State Police document. Based on the aforementioned information and the totality of the circumstances, we are making this document available on our website with the appropriate redactions; [www.risp.ri.gov](http://www.risp.ri.gov) within the "What's New" section.

It is incumbent upon me to recognize the men and women of the Cranston Police Department, who despite the internal and external distractions have remained diligent to their duties to the

citizens of the City of Cranston. They should be commended for their cooperation and professionalism.

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